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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

1. MR. LESTER P. LAMM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WILL BE ON INSPECTION TRIP TO FOREIGN PROJECT DIVISIONS IN KUWAIT AND IRAN IN EARLY DECEMBER AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS WITH SAG OFFICIALS POSSIBLE WAYS IN WHICH FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION COULD ASSIST SAUDIS IN THE PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION, OR MAINTENANCE OF A NATIONAL ROAD NETWORK. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES A DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN THIS AREA WOULD BE WORTHWHILE, REQUEST THAT APPOINTMENT BE MADE FOR DECEMBER FIRST WITH APPROPRIATE MINISTER. (IS IT CORRECT THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROADS AND PORTS HAS REMAINED UNDER MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS IN REORGANIZATION?) DOT STATES THAT SERVICES WHICH COULD BE PROVIDED WOULD COMPLEMENT BUT NOT COMPETE WITH THOSE NOW PROVIDED BY WILSON-MURROW FIRM.

2. FYI, SAUDIS ALREADY HAVE AT LEAST SOME AWARENESS OF DOT'S CAPABILITIES IN THIS AREA, SINCE MR. NASIR M. AL-
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SALLOUM, DEPUTY MINISTER OF TECHNICAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY

OF COMMUNICATIONS RECENTLY VISITED FEDERAL HIGHWAY

ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH FACILITY IN US, THOUGH WE ARE NOT
SURE WHAT LED UP TO THIS VISIT. END FYI.

3. IF EMBASSY SUCCEEDS IN OBTAINING APPOINTMENT,
REQUEST EMBASSY CONFIRM SINGLE HOTEL ROOM AND PROVIDE
OFFICER TO ACCOMPANY MR. LAMM ON HIS CALL. MR. LAMM
WOULD ARRIVE IN RIYADH ON SV 772 FROM LONDON AT 2115
HOURS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, AND WOULD DEPART FOR KUWAIT
AT 1630 HOURS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 ON SV 916. REQUEST
RECONFIRMATION OF DEPARTURE RESERVATION. KISSINGER

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